

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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### SILENT KEY

You are hereby informed with deep regret that Prof Calie Pistorius (Senior), ZS2CWP, passed away on Saturday, 2 April 2005 at his home in Knysna.

He was associated with the University of Pretoria from 1 January 1961 to 31 December 1996, inter alia as head of the Department of Accounting, Director of the Graduate Business School, and from 1 July 1984 to 31 December 1996 as the Vice-Principal.

Prof Calie relocated to Knysna after retirement. He was an active member of the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club since 1988. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Hannie, other relatives and friends.

(PAUSE)

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office, which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS depends on clubs and individuals for news of interest to radio amateurs. Please place your news items on the web site of the SARL, which is [www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp) not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English, but please check any dates and telephone numbers before submitting your news item; the editor has found some grave mistakes in the past.

You are listening to ZS6SRL and the news follows in detail:

## SARL AGM REPORT

### NEW COUNCIL

The ten members, who were nominated for the new Council, were unanimously elected to Council during yesterday's SARL AGM. Their names follow hereunder together with the portfolios allocated to four of them at a council meeting held after the AGM:

Graham Hartlett, ZS6GJH, President; Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT Vice President; Henry Chamberlain, ZS1AAZ Secretary; Abe Zwiegelaar, ZS1ZS Treasurer; Dennis Green, ZS4BS; Derek Gravett, ZS5Y; Kobus Conradie, ZR6D; Olivier van Staden, ZS1OLI; Richard seddon, ZS2CLI; Ivan Newman, ZR2LN, the only new member without previous service.

Thanks to the retiring members as well as the re-elected members for what they did for amateur radio, and will continue to do, and strength to the President and his team, we have trust in you. More members will be co-opted and other portfolios will be allocated later on.

### SARL AGM REPORT

The 2005 SARL AGM took place yesterday in very good spirits in the Sentech hall at Radiokop, Honeydew. It was attended by 53 members who held 168 proxies amongst them.

Graham Hartlett, ZS6GJH, the President of the League, welcomed those present and Marten, ZS6ZY, opened the proceedings with prayer and also paid tribute to those whose keys went silent during the past year.

Tjerk, ZS6P, the awards manager of the SARL, awarded the Tinus Lange 7066 Radio Amateur Award of the Year to Hans, ZS6KR, and Honorary Life Membership to Marten ZS6ZY. Congratulations to the two of you for your service and dedication to amateur radio over the years.

Vee, ZR6ZEN, our administrative person at the NARC, received a beautiful bouquet of flowers as appreciation for her diligence in the office.

Graham Hartlett's report is in possession of all members and is also available on the SARL's website and he concentrated on other matters in his verbal report.

He announced that the Department of Communications made money available for the provision of completely equipped stations in the previously disadvantaged communities in 9 of the 11 provinces. A tender has already been accepted. We will have to pro-actively take part in this scheme and we will have to act as mentors. A teleconference with clubs will take place at an appropriate time.

The council is in contact with the DoC in respect of errors in and omissions from the latest radio regulations. The establishment of a National Body was a one sided initiative of the DoC without consultation with the SARL. The SARL is awaiting the next step by the DoC.

The Council will continue to focus on growth and development and active marketing and advertisement of the hobby amongst the uninformed and to improve service levels. A proposed scheme to provide for improved national representation of amateurs was presented. This will inter alia require more active contributions by amateurs. This scheme will shortly be published on the SARL's web site.

The SARL's attitude towards power line communication will be presented at a PLC conference during July.

#### MOTIONS

The shorter periods proposed in the Council's motions were rejected, but the use of email and the web site for notices was accepted. It will result in large savings in postage.

#### FINANCE

All reports and the budget for next year were accepted.

Membership fees for next year remain unaltered. Clubs may consider sponsoring the membership fees of members in the need.

#### 2 METRE QSO-PARTY IN JOHANNESBURG/PRETORIA AREA

Amateur operators equipped for 144 MHz FM that are within working distance of Johannesburg and Pretoria are invited to take part in an area-wide 2 m FM QSO PARTY that will take place during the afternoon of Sunday, April 17th between 14:00 and 17:00. Although primarily intended to be a fun event and on-the air get-together, awards will be made to the top-scoring three OM and three YL operators. The exchange for the QSO Party will be callsigns, signal reports, and the name and age of the operator and all designated simplex frequencies may be used. YL operators should substitute the number "88" for their age and your score will be the total ages of all the stations you have contacted. It will be great to have all of the old-timers as well as the YL operators participate, so please spread the word to everyone. The QSO Party will be sponsored by the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club and logs should be sent to them. Full details can be found on both the PARC and SARL websites..

#### CELIBRATE MARCONI DAY ON AM

The Southern African Antique Wireless Association (SA-AWA) extends a welcome to all amateurs to join in on a special "Marconi Day" amplitude modulation network on Saturday 23rd April 2005. The net will commence at 08:45 CAT on 7 070 kHz. All stations with AM capabilities are welcome to join in whether they run older or more modern equipment. Please notify the net controller, Rod Radford, ZS5RK, of your operating equipment for logging purposes.

The SA-AWA also wishes to remind amateurs of their CW Net which runs every Saturday at 14:00 SAST on 7 020 kHz. Andy Cairns, ZS6ADY, runs the net, using the callsign of ZS0(zero)AWA. Andy is also the QSL Manager for all

ZS0AWA contacts. QSL may be made either direct with Andy, or via the SARL bureau.

News via Alan Franzsen - Office Boy for the SA-AWA.

#### PROVISIONAL RESULTS SARL HF FIELD DAY

The Contest Committee received eight logs for the multi-operator category and four logs for the single operator category for the first leg of the SARL HF Field Day held over the weekend of 12 and 13 February 2005.

Multi-operator: ZS6ERB/p4 7 798 points; ZS4SRK/p 6 615 points; ZS75PTA/p 5 035 points; ZS1CT/p 3 789.5 points; ZS4BFN/p 2 135 points; ZS6WR/p 2 019.5 points; ZS5HAC/p 1 911.5 points; ZS6SRC/p 1 706.5 points.

Single operator: ZS4JAN/p 8 785 points; ZS5NK/p 2 160 points; ZS1OAK/p 931 points.

Check logs were received from Edwin, ZS5T, Martin, ZS5M, and Joop, ZS1AJS. Congratulations to the winners of the first leg.

#### RESULTS OF PEARS WELCOME TO HF CONTEST

The final results of the PEARS Welcome To HF QSO Party are as follows:  
ZR SECTION: 1st - Wayne Lourens, ZR6STC 575 points; 2nd - Rudolf Nagel, ZR6JRN 478 points; 3rd - Chris Bothma, ZR6MVK 207 points.

ZS SECTION: 1st - Jannie Swanepoel, ZS6ZYM 204 points; 2nd - Jan Botha ZS4JAN, 82 points; 3rd - Pieter Bosman, ZS3AOR 61 points.

No international logs were received.

A total of 14 logs were received for this event - a very poor return considering the activity heard over the weekend. Congratulations to the winners!

#### NEWS FROM THE OVERBERG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (ZS1OAR)

On the ZS1OAR AGM held at Hermanus on 2 April 2005 the following members were chosen to serve on the club management.

Chairman Len van Riel ZS1VR; Secretary Arthur Jordaan ZS1AIJ; Treasurer Kosie Smit ZS1SR; Technical adviser Pieter Jacobs ZS1UH; Editor Radio Overberg Andre Meintjies ZS1AM; Additional member Riaan van Niekerk ZS1RVN.

Our thanks also go to Johan Classen for the eight years that he served as chairman of ZS1OAR. All his sacrifices during the years are genuinely appreciated by the club members.

#### CENTURION ARK NEW COMMITTEE

At the AGM of the Centurion ARC, held on the 2nd April, the following office bearers were elected: Whitey, ZR6JJJ Chairman; Sarel, ZS6EK Vice Chairman; Billy, ZR6ATC Secretary; Pam, ZS6APT Treasurer; Johan, ZS6CAQ Technical; Pine, ZS6GST PRO; Gawie, ZR6GJJ Clubhouse; Theuns, ZS6TNS Clubhouse.

Thanks to the retiring committee members for services rendered and welcome and strength to the new committee.

#### SCOPEX 2005

Scopex 2005, the astronomy event of the year, will be presented on 16 April from 10:00 till 21:00 at the National War Museum next to the Johannesburg Zoo. Contact the special station, ZS6NOM, which will be operated by the Alberton Amateur Radio Club as an educational station during that period.

#### PROPAGATION REPORT

Propagation conditions were very weak during the past week and there is very little possibility of improvement. And yet there are always active stations on the 20 m band in the late afternoon - especially from the near East. They are only to be contacted with directional antennas and 100 W is usually too little as well. The sun activity was very low during the past few days. Sunspot number on Thursday was 32,3 against that of 19 last week. It should stabilise during the coming week. The average sunspot number for April is estimated to be 22,9. These conditions should continue for the next couple of years.

#### DIARY OF EVENTS

Today 10 April - SARL Hamnet 40 metre Simulated Emergency Contest; 14 April - closing date for May RAE; 15 April - closing date for part 1 of the 2005 Construction Competition; 16 April - Special station ZS6NOM at Scopex 2005 on the air; 17 April 2m QSO-party in Johannesburg/Pretoria area; 23 April Marconi day on AM; 14 May - AMSATCON 2005; 19 May - Radio Amateur Examination; 31 May - closing date for part 2 of the 2005 Construction Competition.

The SARL invites you to listen on Sundays at 10:00 to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 810, 7 205, and 7 082 kHz and many 2 m repeaters in different areas. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN, and and George, ZS6NE, and read by .....from..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.